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to application Ser. No. 09/447,228, and Applicant can therefore expect the return of the original letters patent.³ Please return the original letters patent at your earliest convenience.

No fee is believed to be due. If, however, there are any charges or credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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³ Even if application Ser. No. 09/447,228 were to be considered abandoned at the time of this request, the policy of the United States Patent and Trademark Office supports the return of the original letters patent in this case. See MPEP § 1416 ("Example 6: A reissue application was pending at the time of the effective date of the amendment to 37 CFR 1.178, and an original letters patent was submitted. Applicant requests return of the original letters patent, although the application is abandoned at the time the request for return is made. In this instance, the Office would return the original letters patent if it is readily retrievable") (emphasis in original).